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## WOUNDED DOWN AT LAST.

### Scott Captured After a Seven Months' Chase.

Remarkable Pursuit and Evasion of Judge of the St. Clair County Court—Hunted Night and Day by a United States Marshal's Posse—Contempt of Court the Charge on Which he is Held—Experiences of Captor and Captive.

C. Times, Jan. 25.

Deputy United States Marshal John P. Willis arrived in this city last night with Judge Thomas Scott, the fugitive county judge of St. Clair county, whom he had arrested at his home in St. Clair county the night before. The chase after Judge Scott was one of the most remarkable on record. The distinguished prisoner was charged with holding in contempt of the United States authorities, the same consisting of a refusal to obey a mandamus issued by the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri. The circumstances briefly stated are these: In St. Clair county voted to the Chicago and Neosho railway company certain bonds. The road was never built, but the bonds were issued and some time afterward hypothecated in New York. The payment on the bonds was refused by the county and the innocent purchasers brought suit and obtained a judgment. Execution was ordered and a mandamus issued from the United States circuit court, ordering the county of St. Clair county to levy a tax to pay the bonds. This mandamus Judge Scott refused to obey, and immediately afterward a warrant was issued for his arrest. He left his office and fled out of Osceola, the county seat of St. Clair county. The warrant was put in the hands of Deputy Marshal John P. Willis last night, and ever since then he has been pursuing the fugitive judge, and only captured him finally by force.

The entire people of St. Clair county agreed with the stand taken by their judge, and the United States marshal experienced the utmost difficulty in finding him, let alone making his arrest. While no organized violence was ever offered to the authorities the whole people of the county were as nearly organized in aiding the judge as though they had been a secret band. St. Clair county is not very thickly populated, and the topography is rough and hilly. The chase for Judge Scott lasted over seven months, and during that time the United States marshals were probably in nearly every house in the county. At one time there were over thirty special marshals deputized, and the posse was divided and sent out through the county in every direction searching high and low for the judge. The whole county was scoured in the search and still he could not be found. When the information was given that he was at one place it would be found when the place was reached it was like the proverbial milk and honey which was always "just across creek" or "a little further on."

Marshal Willis became known to every man, woman and child in the county. He stuck to his duty like a South Sea islander, for days and nights, running into weeks, hardly slept or ate in his endless chase after the fugitive. In all this time Judge Scott claims that he never went outside the borders of the county but remained there for days, and that time he staid less than twenty-four hours. The marshal was determined to end the chase in a few weeks, and kept to his work. After several weeks rolled into months and months rolled into a year, the judge became careless and got in the habit of going to his home, which was a few miles in the country near

Osceola. The marshal rode up to it Thursday night without expecting to find the fugitive and, just as he got into sight of the house, was surprised to see Scott step on to the porch. Making his way quickly to the house without being seen he got close enough to make the capture, and Scott, finding resistance impossible, gave in quietly and submitted to being brought here.

The train the marshal and his prisoner arrived on came in at 5:15 o'clock last night. The two alighted, and taking a carriage were driven to the United States marshal's office in the custom house, where they were seen by a Times reporter. Judge Scott was glad the chase was over, and in response to an inquiry said: "I have been on the go almost constantly, and have felt like a fugitive all the time. Everybody in the county lent me assistance, and it would seem that I had an easy time of it, but the reverse is true. It would have been the same had I been an outlawed desperado. I knew no peace and, as the matter was bound to eventually end in my arrest, I am satisfied that the arrest has been made."

Mr. Willis is of course highly elated at the capture. During the chase he has passed through very many thrilling experiences. The people of St. Clair persecuted and annoyed him, and he had no assistance at all from them. In spite of all the difficulties he succeeded, and he receives great credit for the capture.

"I was abused and mistreated in every way possible, and my life threatened and attempted frequently," he said to a reporter. "The two newspapers there and especially the St. Clair Advance, did their utmost to incite the people against me. I was denounced as everything mean and low and escaped assassination several times only by the merest chance. Mob law was even urged by the papers as the proper way to get rid of me. I could get no assistance whatever from the people, and it was mere luck for me to finally capture my man. For my prisoner I will say he is a perfect gentleman, and as long as he is in my charge he shall be treated as such."

Judge Thomas Scott is a man 50 years old, of medium height and sparely built. He is dark and swarthy in appearance and at present wears a rough looking lot of whiskers. He was dressed when brought here in a dark suit of clothes and wore a comfortable looking furze overcoat of a dull brown color. He stopped last night at the Pacific hotel with the marshal, and to-day will be taken before the United States commissioner for examination.

## Horticultural.

BUTLER, Mo., Jan. 15, 1887.

The Bates County Horticultural Society met at the grand jury room, President Robards in the chair; minutes of the last meeting read and approved. In report on orchards, some peach buds were stated to be alive. It was asked if any member had tried the Lucretia dewberry; none had. The secretary reported that he was trying the Native dewberry. The president stated that his efforts with the dewberry had been a failure. It was asked whether the Russian apricot was any good in Mo.; none of the members seemed able to answer. From committee on vegetables, the question of buying seeds direct from seed houses or from the stores was discussed, and decided that it was better to buy direct from the seed houses. The question of raising celery was discussed at length and it was recommended that we learn more about it and raise it for our home market. Mr. Skinner, from committee on entomology, stated that he thought

the Curculio was leaving and we would hereafter raise plums. The remedy for Curculio reported by Mr. Kious was simply to hang rags saturated with coal oil in the trees, and members were advised to thoroughly try it.

The secretary presented his annual financial report, showing a balance of \$11 35 in the treasury, which was adopted. The president made a few remarks, reviewing the life and labors of the society, showing that it had accomplished a great deal and was better prepared for the future than ever before. The society proceeded to the election of officers, resulting as follows:

President, Chas. I. Robards; 1st vice-president, J. B. Durand; 2nd vice-president, A. C. Skinner; secretary and treasurer, Henry Speer; chaplain, O. J. Welton.

On motion a finance committee of three were appointed to look after the financial interests of the society, as follows: J. B. Newberry, G. W. Johnson and J. B. Durand.

Program for next meeting: Paper—"What horticultural progress have we made since we organized our society?" J. B. Durand; "How I grow strawberries," E. P. Henry; paper on "Horticulture in California," E. P. Henry.

Adjourned to meet the 3d Saturday in February, at 1 p. m.

HENRY SPEER, Sec'y.

"The ladies especially go into ecstasies over Parker's Hair Balsam," writes Mr. J. H. Decker, druggist, of Findlay, Ohio. "They say it is the most elegant dressing they ever used." Stops falling hair, restores color, promotes growth. 8 ct.

## A Wrathful Conductor.

In police court yesterday W. D. Hopkins, conductor of a freight train on the Missouri Pacific railway, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Marshal Logan, charged with violation of the city ordinance which forbids the obstruction of the streets by the cars more than ten minutes at one time. It was shown by the testimony in this case that Park Avenue had been obstructed at least twenty minutes by the defendant's train, and acting Mayor Hackett assessed a fine against him of \$5 and costs. The conductor was very indignant, and used some very uncomplimentary, indecent, vulgar and profane language to the marshal, whereupon he was immediately arrested under another section of the ordinance and fined \$1 and costs.—Rich Hill Herald.

On Tuesday eve of last week, Miss Kate Glessner entertained a number of her friends in a most agreeable and novel manner. The principal feature of the occasion was an old fashioned spelling match. Messrs. Carrithers and Francisco being chosen Captains.

After an interesting contest the first prize was awarded Mr. Burrows, while Mr. Francisco accepted with grace, an Eclectic Speller adorned with red ribbon. The evening enjoyment was replete with conversation, general amusements and music. The music was distinguished by a number of characteristic solos rendered by S. Francisco and Carrithers.

Refreshments having been nicely served, the guests departed at a late hour feeling indebted to Miss Glessner for an evening of rare enjoyment. The following persons were present: Judge Parkinson and wife, Misses Sarah and Maggie Abell, Lottie Sims, Myrtle McBride, Jesse Childs, Louella Scott, Minnie Frisell, Nellie Childs, Blanch Beagle, L. Montgomery, May and Ida Kennett, Mary Parkinson, Messrs. Carrithers, Blachert, Wood, Francisco, Rose, Sims, Steele, Burrows, Ludwick, Childs, Geo. Williams and E. Kipp. X.

## Firing a Church to Warm Cattle.

Parsons, Kan., Jan. 14.—Last week the Christian church three miles north of here was totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire was a mystery until to-day, when a half-witted young man named Ruby Coffman confessed that he had set the building on fire to warm the cattle that were shivering with the cold in the pasture near by. The young man was arrested and lodged in jail at Erie.

Prof. W. R. Peach, of Butler, is in the city with a view to organizing a class in vocal music. Prof. Peach comes with superior recommendations from his former patrons at various points.—Joplin Herald.

## Two Farmers Hang Themselves.

Lamar, Mo., Jan. 25.—Early yesterday morning George W. Jeffries, a farmer, went into his corncrib with an old bridle with rope lines, climbed up the side of the crib and tied the lines to the rafters above him. Then he buckled the throat latch of the bridle around his neck and swung off, literally choking to death. Financial trouble was the cause.

Thomas Beebe, 22 years of age, living ten miles west of here, made a noose in a short piece of rope yesterday, mounted a barrel and after tying the rope to a rafter above him and placing the noose over his head kicked the barrel away. In one of his coat pockets was found a note stating that the trials of life were too many for him.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,  
When she was Child, she cried for Castoria,  
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,  
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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## Special Notice.

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## To Tax-Payers.

Tax payers of Mt. Pleasant township will take notice that their taxes for 1886 are now due and must be paid this month, December, or the penalty will be added.

3 AARON BELL,  
Collector.

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